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The President's Message

At the Merced convention, both at the business meeting and again at the banquet, our new president made numerous references to the Association's present status and future prospects. We asked him to summarize these views so that they could be passed along in print to all members.

—Editor.

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The California State Numismatic Association has now attained size and influence such that the high office is an honor not to be accepted lightly. You have placed upon me a responsibility that I can carry well only if I have wholehearted support from all of you. I will do my best to earn and deserve your cooperation and good will. I hope that you will be patient and tolerant.

Major decisions on all important matters in this organization are made by your Board of Directors. You have an excellent Board, functioning with harmony, without cliques or drudges and with a refreshing open-mindedness and willingness to work. I know, having served on the Board for two years.

A particularly happy feature is the custom of inviting to Board meetings one or two CSNA "elder statesmen." Fortunately, such consultants are available both in the north and in the south, with the result that each of these groups has a habit of getting together whenever important questions arise. Results of such group discussions are transmitted to the other group which then holds its own local conference. The thinking in these so-called "Rebel" and "Yankee" board meetings is coordinated by our most capable secretary and any final vote needed can be taken by mail. Thus effective work is accomplished without delays.

Now that we have held an even dozen conventions, we have learned a good deal about what the members want and how we can get just that. Moving as we do from city to city for our conventions, it is difficult to pass on to new committees by word of mouth all accumulated experience. To meet this situation we have recently compiled a "Convention Com-



DR. N. A. BOWERS

mittee Check List"—a 25-page booklet explaining in detail the duties of all convention committees, with particular emphasis on dangers and pitfalls. In short, a record of experience arranged and indexed for convenient reference and for guidance of new committees. With this check list, supplemented and revised as necessary, perhaps we can have even more effective handling of conventions and greater benefits at minimum cost.

The present convention prospect is really the best yet because the two meetings now scheduled probably will break all records. The meeting in Los Angeles next October promises to be the largest and best thus far. It should. Then, scheduled for the weekend after Easter in April, 1954, there is to be a San Francisco meeting whose committees will be determined to surpass all that has gone before.

Meantime, between conventions, there are other activities that may

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BOWERS HEADS C.S.N.A.

Dr. Nathan A. Bowers of Atherton was chosen as president for the coming year by those attending the business meeting at Merced in April. He had served on the Board of Directors for the past two years, and his efforts as chairman of the awards committee are largely responsible for the high character of the exhibits at our conventions.

Dr. C. Glenn Curtis of Brea was elected vice-president, with Robert G. McArthur of Oakland and Stewart Bingham of Claremont being re-elected as secretary-treasurer and librarian respectively. Board members elected were Dr. C. L. Emmons, Ontario; Ralph A. Mitchell, Palo Alto; Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego; Charles V. Kappen, San Jose; and Herbert M. Bergen, Fullerton.

Merced Club Draws Praise

Many expressions of appreciation were heard at the convention for the work of the members of the Merced Coin Club in seeing to it that the convention was one of the most pleasant and successful we have yet had. From General Chairman Coolures down, every member of the club who had a job to do, did it, and the results were apparent. Particularly in evidence was the work of Dr. Fountain in charge of special events and Frank Avilez in charge of displays. The value of the "convention check list" compiled by Dr. Bowers, and used for the first time was demonstrated at Merced, where the local club did an outstanding job in seeing to it that all the many small details of the convention were well taken care of in advance.



Bourse and displays at Merced Convention.

WINNING DISPLAYS AT MERCED

Group A (United States)

First Award — Clifton J. Cole; United States type coins

Group B (Ancient, Byzantine & Medieval)

First Award — Michael P. Carey; Ancient Roman Coins.

Second Award — Tom W. Ward; Historical Coins of the Roman Empire

Group C (Coins since Medieval, through 18th Century)

First Award — Erich Werling; Coins of the 30-Year War

Group D (Coins of more than one century)

First Award — Burt H. Ellsworth; Crowns of the World

Group E (Specialized collections)

First Award — J. S. Grant; Set of Hawaiian coins

Second Award — Dr. Wm. E. Fountain; Medical coins and medals

Special Award to Harry Cook; Copper and gold specimen collection

Special Award to Louis G. Walrath; Sets of United States coins

SPECIAL EVENTS PLEASE AT MERCED CONFAB

With Dr. William E. Fountain in charge, the first event of the Merced convention was the trip by automobile into the foothills to the ruins of the Mt. Ophir Mint. With perfect weather prevailing, it was a most pleasant excursion thoroughly enjoyed by the large group making the trip.

The forum on Friday night again proved to be an outstanding event. It was interesting to note that the three speakers chose three different methods to present their subjects. Mr. Everett Ostrom of Kingsburg read a scholarly and well-prepared paper on the origin and history of Swedish Plate Money. He was followed by Mr. T. W. Ward of Fallbrook, better known as "The Hermit of Skunk Hollow," who spoke extemporaneously on his subject, Roman Empire Coinage. Mr. Abe Kosoff of Beverly Hills spoke from notes on his subject, Pattern Coins. All three speakers exhibited a complete familiarity

with their subjects and answered all questions put to them.

The ladies' party which followed the forum on Friday night lasted into the wee small hours and was particularly noted for the high quality of the various prizes made available thru the local club.

Auction on Saturday afternoon was well-attended, practically filling the mezzanine room. Ralph Mitchell was auctioneer, the affair being in charge of Messrs. Earl Parker, Kenny Lee and Leo Young. Prices generally, ran high, well up to and in some cases above the estimate.

Banquet on Saturday night and luncheon on Sunday noon were held in the beautiful Koko Room with the banquet filling the room to capacity. MCs Dr. Curtis and Ralph Mitchell were in good form and kept the program moving. As at Santa Barbara and again at Arrowhead, many members and their wives took advantage of the dancing which followed the banquet.



Banquet, KoKo Room, Merced.

WIDE DISPLAY VARIETY AT MERCED MEET

At the recent Merced convention there were some 27 separately classified exhibits, displayed by 22 exhibitors. These displays, together with the 18 bourse tables, filled the lobby of the Tioga Hotel with a wide variety and a generous quantity of numismatic material.

Arranged alphabetically by exhibitors, the displays were as follows:
COLE, Clifton C.: U.S. type set, with each coin well written up.

CAREY, Michael P.: Medium bronzes of early Roman Emperors with outlines of their careers.

WARD, Thomas W.: Historical coins of the Roman Empire, with explanations of the events they commemorate.

- WERLING, Erich.: Coins of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), i.e., of Gustavus Adolphus, Christina, and other rulers involved; siege pieces and necessity money due to that war.
- ELLSWORTH, Burt: Crowns and multiple crowns; siege pieces and other necessity money.
- GRANT, J. S.: Hawaiian coins; many unusual Hawaiian patterns; Canadian dollars, including many minor varieties; Canadian set of Queen Elizabeth II.
- FOUNTAIN, Dr. William E.: Medical medals; coins showing physicians and surgeons; touch pieces, with article on their use printed in 1679; Eisenhower inauguration medals in bronze and silver.
- COOK, Harry L.: Gold, silver, and copper coins with crude gold as mined and other mineral specimens illustrating the ores of coin metals.
- WALRATH, Louis: 1804 dollar; complete proof sets including 2c, both 3c pieces, shield and Liberty nickels; complete 1892 set; \$3 gold; 1851-52 proof dollars; trade dollars; all "S", "CC", and "O" dollars.
- AVILEZ, Frank J.: German notgeld (local paper money).
- BLOOM, Clifford H.: European gold, 1550-1796.
- BOWERS, Dr. Nathan A.: A coin case designed especially for carrying coins safely while travelling.
- CRAIG, Alan D.: Korean coins illustrating his article now running in the Calcoin News; Chinese odd-shaped coins.
- CRITES, Al: Chinese, Korean and Tibetan coins; Japanese and other Oriental carvings.
- FRASER, Vreeland H.: Proof dimes, 1858-1915; proof sets; proof 2c, both 3c, nickels, and trade dollars; commemorative gold; \$2½ and \$5 Indian gold complete.
- GJUROVICH, Rudy: Continental and fractional currency; large paper money.
- HILL, Roy: Greek silver and bronze; U.S. Confederate, and foreign paper money.
- OHLS, John E.: Vatican City sets.
- OSTROM, Everett: Swedish plate money and tokens.
- PANOSH, Mrs. Anna Merle: War medals including a Congressional Medal of Honor; foreign orders and decorations.
- PANOSH, Leonel C.: Coins of the Grand Masters of Knights Hospitaler, St. John of Jerusalem (Rhodes and Malta), with colored coat-of-arms of each master.
- REDMOND, Daniel J.: Flying eagle cents, including 1856; cupronickel cents; nickels; Presidential medals.
- SCHAFFER, Fred: Greek coins; Roman Republican coins, including aes grave (early cast coins); Roman Imperial coins, mostly sestertii (large bronzes); commemorative half dollars; early dollars; Colonial cents.
- STRAUCH, Milton C.: Crowns, 17th to 20th centuries; foreign gold, with maps showing location of issuing countries.



Auction room scene, Merced.

Report of Secretary on Merced Convention

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:	
Registration (and extra tickets)	\$742.25
Dealers Bourse	180.00
Exhibit Cases	24.50
Total Receipts	<u>\$946.75</u>
Less Disbursements:	
Hotel — banquet and luncheon	\$472.90
Hotel — refreshments (Friday evening)	31.05
Hotel — music for banquet	25.00
Dealers' signs	4.50
Exhibit cases	1.98
Ribbons and badges	27.80
Printing	4.86
Miscellaneous	10.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$578.09</u>
Balance — Profit to the Association	<u>\$368.66</u>

REGISTRATION FIGURES

Members	93
Visitors	41
Total Registration	<u>134</u>
Attendance at banquet	135
Attendance at luncheon	106
Full Registrations	93
Dinner and badge	20
Lunch and badge	5
Badge only	15
Extra banquet tickets	17
Extra luncheon tickets	4

REGISTRATION BY CITIES

San Francisco	25	Inglewood	2	Daly City	1
Oakland	19	Kingsburg	2	Emeryville	1
Merced	10	La Canada	2	Fallbrook	1
Los Angeles	7	Lakeport	2	Lafayette	1
San Diego	6	Lockeford	2	Palo Alto	1
Fresno	4	Long Beach	2	Pasadena	1
Hanford	3	Monterey	2	Porterville	1
Sacramento	3	Riverside	2	Santa Monica	1
Alameda	2	San Jose	2	West Sacramento	1
Atherton	2	San Luis Obispo	2	Temple City	1
Beverly Hills	2	Santa Barbara	2	Visalia	1
Brea	2	Santa Maria	2	OUT-OF-STATE	
Chico	2	Santa Rosa	2	Tucson, Arizona	1
El Cajon	2	Vista	2	Reno, Nevada	1
Glendale	2	Alhambra	1	Salt Lake City, Utah	1

Merced Convention Notes

Merced established a precedent with several banners strung above intersections extending a welcome to CSNA convention.

Dr. Emmons missed his first convention due to illness of Mrs. Emmons. It was not quite the same without him.

There is no truth in the rumor that extradition proceedings are being sought for Roy Hill in connection with the Mt. Ophir trip.

Chris Petersen showed that he was thinking of us with a long distance call from Chehalis Saturday night extending greetings to all.

Little Lois Roberts is now a convention veteran with her third convention badge. The little granddaughter of Secretary McArthur has drawn the numbers for door prizes at Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and now at Merced, and has yet to draw her own number.

Editor and Board Member Charles V. Kappen was much in evidence in his uniform of a major in the Army. He has just returned from a tour of duty in Japan, Formosa and Korea.

Mike Carey set some sort of precedent when he set a "ceiling" bid on



"Curly" Mitchell, M.C.

a coin he had up at the members' club auction on Sunday morning.

The "war" between MCs Curtis and Mitchell is only another chapter in the many meetings they each have attended.

We wonder who got the CSNA membership bid in by Abe Kosoff during the interlude at the auction session.

Altho Mrs. Panosh collects medals

SUPPORT THE DEALERS WHO SUPPORT C.S.N.A.

Some coin dealers are always tempted to "vest-pocket" a convention (and some always yield) thus reaping the benefits of a very special sales opportunity without paying a fee. It does cost a great deal to put on a convention (even though that fact might not be apparent to the casual visitor) and the gathering does bring together many of those who buy coins. We expect the loyal dealer to pay the customary fee of \$10 for bourse space. If he does his share, we'll do ours.

At Merced, 18 dealers did make that payment. The Association is grateful for this help in meeting overhead costs and reducing the tax on members accordingly. One way in which we can all reciprocate is to try to do business with those who cooperate with the CSNA.

Dealers who took bourse space at Merced are:

Bassetti, Del. San Luis Obispo
Brainard, Karl M., Los Angeles
Fish, Edward H., Fresno
Fogler, Edward, Oakland
Fulton, Oscar D., Tucson, Ariz.
Galvin, Frank X., Oakland
Godbey's, Oakland
Hernandez, Frank P., El Cajon
Johnson, W. E., Santa Barbara
Knickerbocker, Irving, San Diego
Kosoff, Abe, Beverly Hills
Lec, Kenneth W., Glendale
Lefler, George A., Temple City
Parker, Earl A., San Francisco
Sexton, Wm. J., Santa Maria
Smith, Wm. H., San Francisco
Warner, B. L., Beverly Hills
Young, Leo A., Lockeford

and decorations, she disclaimed any interest in the specimen presented to retiring President Panosh at the banquet by Mr. Mitchell.

The bourse and displays completely filled the large lobby of the Tioga Hotel. Among the many fine displays we noticed no less than three 1804 silver dollars.

The club auction on Sunday morning, which was something of an experiment, was not the failure predicted by some. Seven or eight members had 75 lots on display, some of which brought out some spirited bidding.

THE COINS OF KOREA

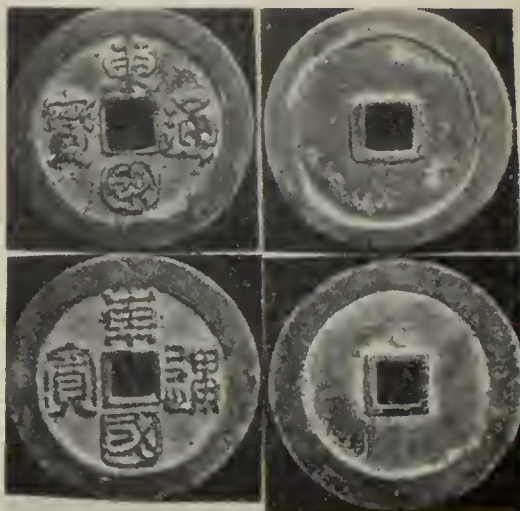
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DONG KOAK TONG PO

(Continued)

AC #14 unique 28½ mm.
Large-size coin; semi-square
characters, character #4
short-capped.

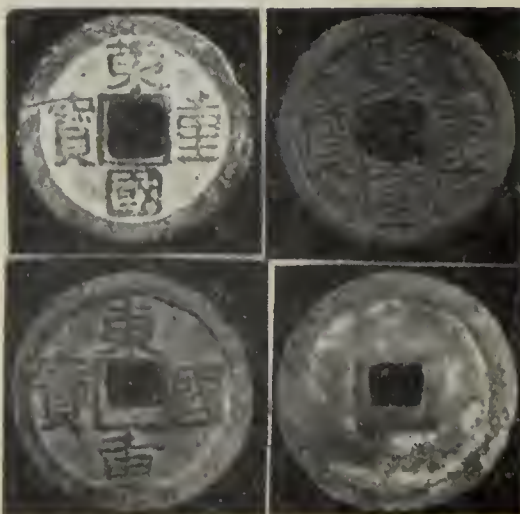


AC #15 unique 29 mm.
Large-size coin; monogram-seal
characters, character #4
long-capped.

DONG KOAK CHUNG PO

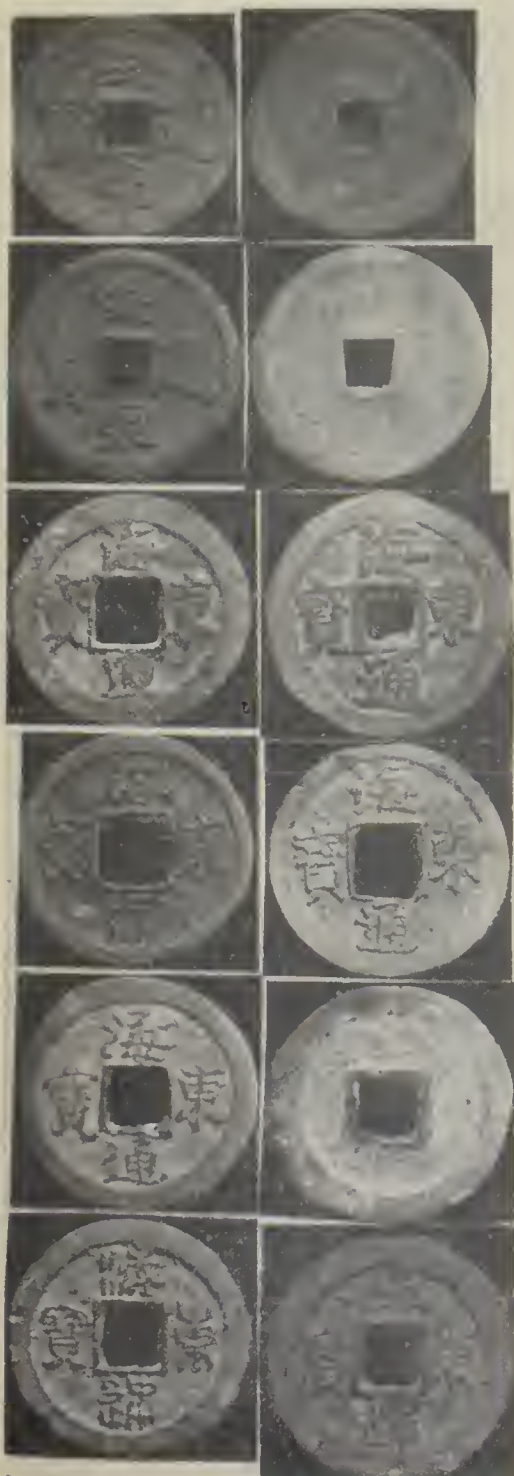
Eastern Country's Heavy Treasure

AC #16 24 mm. AC #17 24 mm.
Small characters. Large characters.



AC #18 ext. rare 25 mm.
Clockwise characters:
1
4 2
3

HAIE DONG TONG PO
(Land of the) Eastern Sea,
Up-to-Date Treasure



AC #19 rare 22 mm.
Printed-style characters,
in ordinary sequence.

AC #19 in silver ext. rare 23 mm.
A presentation piece. Specimens of
some of the other varieties are also
known in silver.

AC #20 23 mm.	AC #21 24 mm.
Small characters, square style, clockwise.	Large characters, square style, clockwise.
1 4 2 3	1 4 2 3

AC #22 23mm.	AC #23 23 mm.
Small characters, semi-square, clockwise.	Large characters, semi-square, clockwise.
1 4 2 3	1 4 2 3

AC #24 rare 23mm.
Handwritten-style characters.

1
4 2
3

AC #25 24 mm.	AC #26 25 mm.
Monogram-seal characters, cap of character #4 short.	Monogram-seal characters, cap of character #4 long.
1 4 2 3	1 4 2 3

HAIE DONG CHUNG PO

(Land of the) Eastern Sea,
Heavy Treasure



AC #27 25 mm.
scarce
Printed-style
characters.

(Not
photographed)

AC #28 24 mm.
Smaller charac-
ters than the
preceding, similar.

HAIE DONG WON PO

(Land of the) Eastern Sea,
Original Treasure



AC #29 unique 23 mm.
Printed-style characters.

SAHM HAHN TONG PO

Three States' Up-to-Date Treasure*

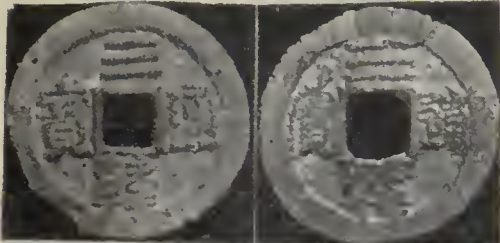
*Korea was divided into three states during minting of these coins; the Korean word for **state** is hahn. The names of these states were Ma Hahn, Jin Hahn and Biun Hahn.

Characters read:

1
4 3
2



AC #30 ext. rare 23 mm.
Character #1 very small.



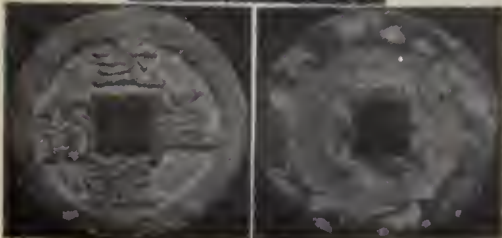
AC #31 24 mm. AC #32 24 mm.
Finest-engraved Cap of character
of Sahn Hahn #4 lengthened.
series.



AC #33 24 mm. AC #34 24 mm.
Cap of character Two upper lines
#4 shortened. of character
#1 shortened.



AC #35 25 mm.
Monogram-seal characters.



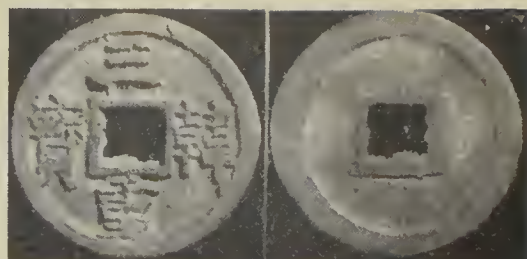
AC #36 rare 23 mm.
Handwritten characters, formal
style flourish in character #1.

SAHM HAHN CHUNG PO
Three States' Heavy Treasure

AC #37 ext. rare 24 mm.

Clockwise characters.

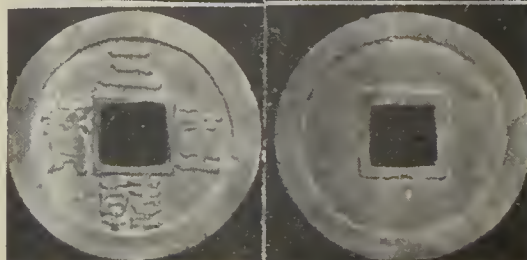
1
4 2
3



AC #38 scarce 24 mm.

Characters not clockwise.

1
4 3
2



Between the years 1111 and 1117 A.D., it was desired to bring Korea closer to China, the mother country. An experimental pattern in **gold** for a well-known Chinese cast coin known as **Cheng Ho T'ung Pao** was made in the Korean mint. In China, these coins were being issued in iron.

The photographs are from rubbings these coins were being issued in iron. made from these pieces. After being minted in Korea, the gold specimens were presented to the Chinese and Korean kings. The plan was to start the circulation of these pieces in Korea (in a base metal), by showing what a superlative specimen could be made in the Korean mint.

Presentation pieces . . .

CHENG HO T'UNG PAO in gold
(Period of) Cheng Ho,
Up-To-Date Treasure

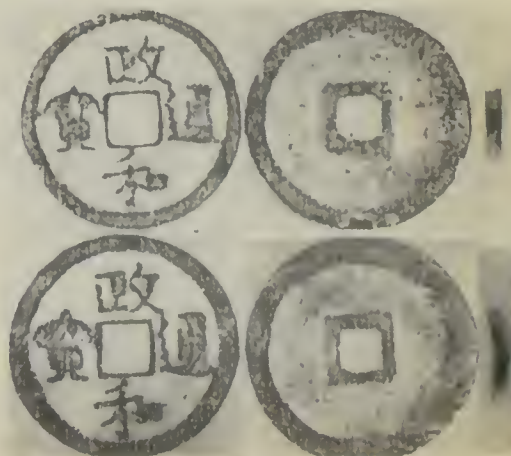
Characters read:

1
4 3
2

Thinner characters.
unique 27 mm.

Thicker characters.
unique 28 mm.

Thickness ▼



In 1339, the first year of King Chung Hei, **Small-Sized Silver Jar** pieces similar to the issue of 1101 were introduced to supplement the few larger silver jars left in circulation. The larger pieces were thought "too valuable" by the government, hence the reduction in size. The people felt that the small pieces were a debasement in order to increase governmental revenue. Counterfeiting, debasement and re-coining which had been the previous evils were only spurred on by this. About 20 years later in the reign of King Kong Min, the small jars were assigned denominations, but with little effect in improvement. Grain-silver use by foreign traders increased by leaps and bounds and became well established, and circulation of copper coins fell as the counterfeiting began also spread to them.

Korea was invaded by Mongols in the 13th Century. Among other things, Korea was required to pay tribute to Kublai Khan and cease to mint money of her own. Great strife developed at this junction, resulting finally in the fall of the Ko Ryu Dynasty, and the great coinage system that had been built up fell back and decomposed, and was once more replaced by bartering, the old stand-by. At the dynasty's close, an advisor to the king's court was obliged to refer to Chinese books to prove the existence of a Korean coinage less than 75 years previously. In those days a lifetime was the yardstick by which people planned.

No specimens of Small Silver Jars have survived.

(To be continued.)

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COIN, IOWA

Several letters received recently have borne the postmark, "Coin, Iowa," indicating that numismatists are taking advantage of the name to publicize their hobby. The letter from the secretary of the Detroit Coin Club reminding us of National Coin Week had, in addition, the American Bankers stamp, making it more numismatic than philatelic throughout.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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be the duty of a strong, state-wide organization. One of these, recently accepted as a challenge, is a survey of local coin clubs with a view to offering whatever aid and help may be a proper activity for the CSNA. In recent years, more than a score of coin clubs have been started in California. Some are strong and vigorous, needing no outside help. Others, relatively weak, are having a hard struggle for existence. Why are some doing better than others? What ideas might be useful to those who find the going rather tough?

A survey to compile data on local clubs is now under way with a view to a report containing useful ideas and suggestions. Because of his outstanding qualifications, Past President R. A. Mitchell, a member of 17 local coin clubs in California, has been asked to direct this work.

All in all, the CSNA has established a fine foundation upon which it is now the opportunity and privilege of present members to build up a magnificent structure.

California Club News, Views, and Whos

EAST BAY COIN CLUB. — The regular monthly meeting of the East Bay Coin Club was held on February 13 at Jenny Lind Hall with President Gilbert Eaton presiding. There were 66 members and guests present.

The program of the evening was a talk on the minting of United States coins by Mr. George Ruge, retired foreman of the pressroom, San Francisco Mint. Mr. Ruge gave a very interesting description of the minting procedures and illustrated his talk with photographs and specimens of the San Francisco Mint coinage. The talk was well received by the membership and it is hoped that Mr. Ruge will visit us again in the near future.

The librarian reported the addition of the following books to the club library: "20th Century Coins of the World," 4th edition, "Early Coins of America," by S. Crosby (Green reprint), "Historical Arrangement of U. S. Commemorative Coins," by Charles Foster, and "A Guide Book of U. S. Coins," 6th edition, the latter two books being donated by Mr. John Ohls and Mr. and Mrs. Godbey respectively.

Five new members were admitted to membership and four new applications for membership were received.

At the close of the meeting, an auction was held, conducted by Earl Parker, after which coffee and home-made sandwiches and potato salad were served by Pearl Holm and Toni Connell.

Exhibits, outlined by short talks, were made by the following: Ken Allen, Earl Parker, John Schreuder, Rudy Gjurovich, Roy Hill, Arnold Rosing, Ed Fogler, Clifford Bloom, and A. W. Ritchie.

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The monthly meeting of the East Bay Coin Club was held on March 13 at Jenny Lind Hall.

The guests and members, 72 in number, were extended a cordial welcome by our president, Mr. Gilbert D. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Steele and Charles Peters were welcomed after a long absence. A letter from Mr. E. Ward Russell, general chairman of National Coin Week, was read. Mr. Russell gave us all the necessary details for participation. The letter was given to

our able chairman, Mr. A. W. Ritchie.

The program of the evening was a splendid talk given by Mr. C. A. Ditty. Mr. Ditty gave us a brief account of a three-month tour of the Near East. His many and varied experiences, including the exchange of money in the various countries, was most interesting and well received. We would welcome Mr. Ditty again.

The usual enthusiastic auction was held. Between 50 and 60 lots were auctioned off by our able auctioneer, Mr. Earl Parker.

Numerous exhibits, outlined by interesting and descriptive talks, were enjoyed by those present.

Added to the pleasant evening was home-made cake and coffee, served by one of our most active members, Mrs. Pearl Holm.

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The meeting of April 10 was called to order by our president, Mr. Gilbert Eaton. During the brief business session, proposed amendments to our constitution and by-laws were read.

Mr. Eaton announced that the Anglo-California Bank had graciously granted space for coin exhibits.

Mr. Eaton read a letter from the American Numismatic Society stating that at the March 13th meeting the council had unanimously elected the East Bay Coin Club an associate member.

A letter of resignation was received from Alan Craig, one of our Board members. He is now attending school in southern California. Alan expressed his gratitude to the members for electing him to the Board, and stated his regret at having to resign. Lee Bollinger, one of our faithful and enthusiastic members, was appointed to fill the vacancy. He will make a splendid addition to our Board of Governors.

Mr. S. S. Hawley, our immediate past president, was the speaker of the evening. He gave an enlightening and entertaining talk on "Ancient Greek Coins—The Origin of Western Coinage." At the close of his discussion, he presented a type-written copy of his talk to the club library.

Several of our members were attending the California State Nu-

mismatic Association Convention at Merced, including our auctioneer, Mr. Earl Parker. Mr. Walter Ritchie, past president, did a splendid job handling the auction.

May 8th will be our anniversary meeting. Mr. George Parker, assistant cashier at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, will be our speaker for the evening.

Exhibits were made by the following members: Gilbert Eaton, M. W. Mountjoy, Charles Peters, and Walter Ritchie.

—Thelma Fieberling,
Recording Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.

The 175th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held December 17 in Brea, Calif., with President Dr. C. Glenn Curtis presiding over an attendance of 84 members and guests.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year 1953. By unanimous vote, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the following: President, John Haldiman, Jr.; Vice-President, Harry S. Davidson; Treasurer, Vreeland Fraser; Secretary, Herbert M. Bergen; Directors, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Dr. C. L. Emmons, Joe Steele, Winn Osborne and Eldon Knauss.

Program Chairman John Haldiman then introduced Don Smyser of San Bernardino who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the "Widows Mite," a subject which he framed to fit the celebration of Christmas. He first described the scene at the temple in Jerusalem where a poor widow cast two mites taken from her want into the temple treasury while others contributed from their abundance. Next he explained that there are numerous coins of the time which are referred to as widows mites, but that his study revealed that only one of these could have been the coin cast into the temple treasury by this widow as told by the Bible. He eliminated those coins which were struck after April in the year 32 A.D., leaving for consideration but two of these small bronze coins which are also known as quadrants with a metallic content of 15 to 16 grains. One of these, known as the Hasmonian mite, was minted 90 years before the time of the temple scene. He explained

that the high relief which characterizes ancient coins would hardly allow their general circulation for such a long period and, therefore, would tend to eliminate this coin from the temple scene. The other coin, known as the Herodian mite, issued by Arkelius under Herod the Great, about 30 years before the crucifixion of Christ, would thus logically be the series of coins which the poor widow donated to the temple treasury.

Following this fine program and the intermission for refreshments, Joe Steele, veteran auctioneer, held another successful auction of coins offered by members. The Junior auction which preceded the business meeting was also a lively and most successful one conducted by Adolph Larson, Jr.

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The 14th Annual Banquet and 176th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club took place on January 28, 1953, in Brea, Calif., with 87 members and guests attending.

Following a hearty welcome by the banquet chairman, Howard Robinson, the merry group of banqueteers settled down to a delicious repast served by the old standby member waiters. No sooner was the dinner over than Frank Hall of the Fourth Estate (Brea Progress) took the gavel as master of ceremonies and first off raised the curtain to show the Choraleers under direction of J. Willard Bassett, a group of fine voices who gave a selection of songs, ensemble and solo, that drew prolonged applause for encore after encore. So pleased was the crowd with this wonderful entertainment that it was easily appeased when it developed that the speaker, Judge Robert Gardner of the Superior Court of Orange County, could not appear because he had a jury under deliberation on a celebrated case just concluded in his court.

Next in order was the award of bountiful prizes donated by coin dealers of Southern California and other parts of the United States who appreciate the patronage of our many members.

When the ohs and ahs over the prizes subsided, the master of ceremonies dolefully announced that Mr. Taber, who was to present a kismatic showing of queer coins, would

not be able to appear because of traffic trouble. It was suggested and unanimously approved that Ex-President Curtis again show his Equador pictures. Too modest to comply, the doctor put on a pantomime exhibition which proved to be better than his pictures.

This was followed by the installation of officers for 1953 by that numismatic potentate of California, Leonel C. Panosh, president of the California State Numismatic Association and Governor of the American Numismatic Association. Contrary to past customs in which frivolity prevailed, this was a dignified and impressive seating of the new officers: John Haldiman, Jr., president; Harry S. Davidson, vice-president; Vreeland Fraser, treasurer; Herbert M. Bergen, secretary; Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Dr. C. L. Emmons, Joe Steele, Winn Osborne and Eldon Knauss, directors.

The master of ceremonies then called on Dr. Curtis, retiring president, who recited "Forget Me Not," a collection of thoughts about the glories of his year in the top office. This was followed by an auspicious declaration of things to come in 1953, entitled "The Rosy Future," by the new president, John Haldiman.

Now came the dramatic feature of the evening. Mustering all of his great elocutionary powers, Ralph Mitchell, the celebrated collector of everything odd and curious who now resides in Palo Alto, delivered to the retiring Dr. Curtis a token to show the high esteem held for him by his fellow club members and the numismatic fraternity. This was a beautifully framed picture of the doctor taken on an occasion when he had just returned from shopping with a coin dealer and had acquired so many coins that he was divested of everything except his shirt. The audience was truly touched, and so was the doctor, by this token of sheer appreciation for his unrestrained devotion to the cause of coin collecting.

While the crowd was still in high humor and the hour was not too late, the master of ceremonies, concluding that a good time was had by all, adjourned the meeting without further ceremony.

—Herb Bergen,
Secretary.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—The first meeting with its 1953 officers in charge brought out 34 members and 14 visitors to the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on January 28, and of these, 18 were exhibitors.

L. G. Lodge appointed Earl A. Parker as auctioneer, G. P. Hatch as parliamentarian, Roy Hill as both ANA and CSNA club representative, and Roy Hill, Kurt E. Loret, Milton C. Strauch and John E. Ohls to act as National Coin Week committee.

Among the guests introduced by Vice-President and Program Director John E. Ohls were R. B. Hohlt of New Orleans and N. A. Bowers of Atherton who gave us a talk on his now well-known coin traveling case.

A short recess preceeded the presentation of the exhibits by the following: Ken P. Allen, Clifford H. Bloom, N. A. Bowers, H. F. Bowker, Roy Hill, R. B. Hohlt, Robert Illing, L. G. Lodge, Kurt E. Loret, B. M. O'Hea, Robert C. Patterson, John E. Ohls, David L. Redfield, Arnold Rosing, Milton C. Strauch, Thomas Twohey, Erich Werling, Wilbur Wildes.

Kurt E. Loret gave a most interesting explanation of why he collects ancient coins and showed how, with modest means, he can find "bargains" and have the real fun that goes with collecting unknown coins and finding out about them. He ably showed how he had it all over the proof, uncirculated, and such coins as far as being able to play with his coins was concerned.

The Society was informed of the death on January 14 in Los Angeles of its fellow, Harvey L. Hansen, who had served the Society as secretary for nearly 20 years and had been interested in coins for a little over 30 years. He was also a member of the ANA for about 30 years, having Number 2415, and was an officer in it about a decade ago and a frequent contributor of fine coin news and articles to both the ANA and ANS. He had recently joined CSNA. The members observed a moment of silence in respect to his memory.

An auction under the gavel of Earl A. Parker and a short discussion on the matter of continuing the Society's Bulletin in printed form brought the meeting to a close just before 10 o'clock.

The 444th regular monthly meeting of the Society at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, February 25, was attended by 31 members and 16 guests.

A report by the librarian, H. F. Bowker, which had been read and approved at the board meeting just prior to the regular Society meeting, contained many interesting and practical proposals, among which were that unbound pamphlets be supplied with "pressboard pamphlet binders" and that an Honorary or Life Membership be awarded to any person who donates books or other publications having an estimated total value of \$100 to the library, not necessarily all at one time. The report reflects a great interest in getting the Society's library in useable shape and of proper record.

Paul D. Snedaker reported dues coming in well and read communications from M. A. Powells of Chicago and Dr. F. J. Hart of San Luis Obispo. Roy Hill outlined prospective places for exhibits for National Coin Week, April 17-23.

The board of governors had discussed the matter of having Pacific Coast Numismatic Society extend an invitation to the California State Numismatic Association 1954 spring convention in San Francisco with the Centennial of operations of the "S" Mint as the focal point of numismatic interest. This was favorably received and the Society approved such a move.

John E. Ohls, vice-president and program chairman, introduced the 16 visitors, many of them in repeat visits, and then called on the 14 exhibitors to explain their displays, as follows: Ken P. Allen, Clifford H. Bloom, N. A. Bowers, H. F. Bowker, Rudy Gjurovich, Roy Hill, George F. Hodges, A. G. K. Jakobsen, B. M. O'Shea, John E. Ohls, Earl A. Parker, Douglas M. Perham, David L. Redfield, and Paul D. Snedaker.

The topic of the evening, California Pioneer Coins, was very entertainingly and colorfully presented by Ken P. Allen, our feature speaker. He dwelt, not on the technical matters of these coins, but unfolded the picture of San Francisco in the days the coins became necessities and gave a vivid description of those hectic times. He pointed out that the story of these coins is as yet really unwritten, for many facts are still

being put together as times goes on, and that it offers a field of numismatic pioneering for a collector. His talk revealed the everlasting glamour and interest this subject holds for its audience.

An auction conducted by Earl Parker drew the meeting to its conclusion, after which a group of "volunteers" interested in promoting the Society's Numismatic Bulletin were given an opportunity to get together.

George C. Ruge, recently retired as foreman of the coin and pressroom of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, was scheduled to address the March 25 meeting, and then comes the CSNA at Merced April 10 to 12.

Coin collectors are always welcome to attend PCNS meetings at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, the last Wednesday of each month.

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The 445th monthly meeting of the Society, held on March 25 at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, brought out 32 members and seven visitors who came to hear George C. Ruge, recently retired from the "S" Mint as foreman of the coin and pressroom, give his interesting talk on the making of coins. The meeting also was enriched by displays from 18 different exhibitors. After presentation of an application for membership from Turner Richards, introduction of new guests and a report on the return of Major Chas. V. Kappen whom we were sorry to hear was hospitalized in Seattle enroute home to San Jose from service in Korea, John E. Ohls called on the following exhibitors:

Ken P. Allen, Stanley L. Blois, Clifford H. Bloom, H. F. Bowker, Rudy Gjurovich, Roy Hill, George F. Hodges, A. G. K. Jakobsen, Leslie G. Lodge, Kurt E. Loret, Bernard M. O'Shea, John E. Ohls, Earl A. Parker, David L. Redfield, George C. Ruge, Nicholas A. Slobodchikoff, Paul D. Snedaker, Wilbur L. Wildes.

After a short auction and a review of National Coin Week plans, the talk of the evening by George C. Ruge was presented. Mr. Ruge, who was with the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for about 35 years, gave a vivid account of the various steps, using his pictures to illustrate each step in the process of coining and then gave a few personal experiences. He also had an assortment of facts of historical note and general inter-

est that showed him to be interested in mint history in general.

The Society's meetings at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on the last Wednesday of each month are open to any coin collector, particularly to any visiting collectors, and the meeting for Wednesday, May 27, is scheduled for a showing of the ANA's Edward T. Newell Visual Education Committee slides on paper money, with George F. Hodges as narrator. You are welcome!

The Society will mark its 38th anniversary at its meeting in June as one of the oldest coin clubs in the country. This will be June 24.

—Roy Hill.

Recording Secretary.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB.—The 56th meeting of the San Bernardino County Coin Club was held at the regular meeting place, the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce Building. There were 21 persons present. It is the last time the club can meet in the Chamber of Commerce Building. A new meeting place will be found and the address will be made available.

The coin club was well represented at the Second Annual Hobby Show and won a blue ribbon award. The interest in coin collecting as a hobby was very pronounced. Over 30 persons registered, expressing a desire to be notified of our meetings.

A meeting of the Board of Directors and club officers was called for in March.

The club is to prepare invitations to attend the meetings. These notices are to be posted in the various clubs of military installations in this area. It is hoped that some members of the Armed Services will be our guests.

Harold McBride, a student of archaeology and collector of ancient coins, was the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. McBride gave an interesting talk on the archeology of the Southwestern United States. He showed colored slides on the ruins of this area. He also showed some beautiful pieces of ancient pottery taken from Arizona.

Dr. Emmons exhibited an uncirculated set of Buffalo Nickels, Proof Sets of 1859 and 1914, and a set of Commemoration Medals and Coins including the thick and thin Norse

American and a medal of President Wilson used at the opening of the Manila Mint.

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The 57th meeting of the San Bernardino Coin Club was held March 20, 1953. The club met at Jack Purdy's home. The directors and officers reported on the meeting held to discuss changes in the constitution.

Awards for display at the National Orange Show were announced. O. L. Arnold was awarded first prize for American Coins displayed. Bryan Burke, Jr. received first prize for Ancient and Foreign Coin display.

Chairmen were selected for displays in eight different cities during National Coin Week.

There were 18 members and three guests present.

The ANA slides on Ancient Coins were shown. This second series of slides on Ancient Coins is very much worth while. The series is loaded with historical data very interestingly presented.

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The 58th meeting of the San Bernardino County Club was held on April 16, 1953, at the new location of the Chamber of Commerce. Future meetings will be held at this location.

There were 13 members and two guests present. Dale Howard was a guest of O. H. Lages and Mr. L. L. Brown introduced his wife. Both guests were later accepted as new members.

The club has 32 members. Twenty are ANA members.

The various chairmen of National Coin Week displays reported that the club would have 11 different locations with exhibits.

Invitations to attend our meetings have been sent to the military installations in this area.

A forum was held and seven members spoke on different phases of coin collecting. This type of program is very worthwhile. The ANA Library can and will gladly supply literature, reference books and a great deal of valuable and rare information on any subject to be discussed.

A door prize drawing was held and the usual auction followed.

—A. B. Coon,
Secretary.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The 188th regular monthly meeting was called to order by Arthur Vigneault, president-elect, in the absence of President Crouthamel. There were 34 members and guests present.

Treasurer Paul Boltz gave a splendid report of the year's financial picture of the club. The report was ordered filed with the secretary.

Guests present were: David and Ben Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Eddy, and their son, Michael B. Eddy.

Mr. W. A. Ehlers, Jr. of La Mesa joined the Society.

Final plans for the installation Banquet to be held at the Manor Hotel, January 17, 1953, were given.

Clive Foss received first award for his display of Roman coins.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned for a social hour and refreshments.

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The 189th regular monthly meeting was held February 2, 1953, at Dartlee Hall, 3680 6th Ave. The new president, Arthur Vigneault, presided. There were 42 members and guests present.

The Society was reminded that National Coin Week, which is from April 7 to 23, is coming up and plans should be made now to observe it.

Mr. Eugene Johnston made some interesting remarks about the 1913 Liberty Head nickel that was displayed at the January banquet by Mr. J. V. McDermott.

The following members had displays and made one-minute talks concerning them: Paul Boltz, W. A. Ehlers, Jr., Clive Foss, Francis S. Jones, Irving Knickerbocker, Atwood MacDonald, Arthur Vigneault, Dr. Bruce Wallace, and Tom Ward. The display of Clive Foss was judged the best.

Mr. L. C. Martin of San Diego and Mr. John C. Yribarne of Long Beach became new members.

The Seven-Up Bottling Company showed us colored movies of the 1953 Rose Parade which was enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

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The 16th Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers of San Diego

Numismatic Society was held on Saturday evening, January 17, 1953, at the Manor Hotel with 58 members and guests present.

Mr. James Crouthamel, president, presented Mr. Leonel Panosh as the Master of Ceremonies who in turn introduced Mr. Karl Brainard, Mr. J. V. McDermott, and Mr. Yribarne as a committee to judge the exhibits which were made by the following: Paul Boltz, Eugene Cooper, Eula Crouthamel, James Crouthamel, Clive Foss, Francis S. Jones, Irving Knickerbocker, Ernest Lang, Charles Leusehner, J. V. McDermott, Atwood MacDonald, Leonel Panosh, Arthur Vigneault, Dr. Bruce Wallace, Louis Walrath, and Tom Ward.

In a simple ceremony, Dr. Ray H. Wilson installed the following officers: President, Mr. Arthur Vigneault; vice-president, Mr. Abe Beek; secretary, Mr. Francis S. Jones; treasurer, Mr. Paul Boltz; librarian, Mr. Atwood MacDonald; governor, Mr. James Crouthamel; junior vice-president and assistant librarian, Mr. Clive Foss; editor of the Bulletin, Mr. Tom Ward.

Mr. Lew Panosh, our genial Master of Ceremonies, gave a splendid talk on his display of "Unusual Money."

The following were chosen as winners in their displays:

- 1st., Mrs. Eula Crouthamel
- 2nd., Mr. Leonel C. Panosh
- 3rd., Mr. Louis G. Walrath
- 4th., Mr. Tom Ward

Special Award, Mr. Irving Knickerbocker

The following became new members: Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Eddy and their son, Michael B. Eddy, of San Diego; Mrs. Thelma M. Case of Santa Monica.

—Francis S. Jones.
Secretary.

ONLY COMPLETE COLLECTION OF U.S. COINS PUBLICIZED

The only complete collection of United States coins, assembled by Mr. Louis Eliasberg of Baltimore, was first shown in that city last year. It was again on display in New York during the ANA convention, and now receives nation-wide notice with an article and several pages in color in Life magazine.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand February 15, 1953.....		\$813.97
Receipts:		
1953 dues	\$ 74.00	74.00
Total Receipts		\$887.97
Less Disbursements:		
Bulletin	\$449.95	
Merced Convention	32.66	\$482.61
Cash on hand April 4, 1953.....		\$405.36

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of February 15, 1953.....		372
Additions:		
New members	5	
Reinstated	1	6
Total		378
Less Losses:		
Resigned	0	
Deceased	0	
Suspended	18	18
Net membership as of April 4, 1953.....		360

Note: 290 members have paid 1953 dues.

NEW MEMBERS

553	Fountain, Mrs. Esther.....	215 E. 21st St., Merced, Calif.
556	Hatch, Grant P.	447 16th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
554	Johnson, Mrs. W. E.	644 E. Valerio, Santa Barbara, Calif.
550	Judd, J. Hewitt, M.D.	1020 Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha, Neb.
555	Liss, Clifford L.	1570 28th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
557	Marco, Joseph, M.D.	2225 N. New Hampshire, Los Angeles 27, Calif.
549	Reidelbach, Theodore J.	109 "A" St., Santa Rosa, Calif.
552	Snyder, Russell G.	1511½ W. Victory Blvd., Burbank, Calif.
551	Van Zanten, William.....	1718 Easy St., Hanford, Calif.
558	Walker, Milton C.	803 14th Ave., Merced, Calif.
548	Williams, Robert.....	812 S. Olive, Alhambra, Calif.

REINSTATED

98	Jones, Charles V.	5838 Fayette St., Los Angeles 42, Calif.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

223	Beebe, A. E.	4514 N. 30th St., Omaha 11, Neb.
433	Bolender, M. H.	P.O. Box 63, San Marino, Calif.
456	Capitol City Coin Club	
	c/o Virgil L. Whitcomb.....	209 11th St., W. Sacramento, Calif.
532	Craig, Alan D.	Box 72 Dockweiler P.O., Los Angeles 7, Calif.
300	Crites, Albert J.	28 East 2nd St., Reno, Nev.
261	Flekal, Charles.....	313 Oildale Dr., Bakersfield, Calif.
447	Hess, Arthur W.	P.O. Box 262, Grand Blanc, Mich.
478	Peyser, Arthur.....	14800 Septo, Sepulveda, Calif.
390	Redwood Empire Coin Club	
	Clifton C. Cole, Secretary.....	2174 Humboldt St., Santa Rosa, Calif.
412	Wilkinson, Alfred F.	3614 Carfax Ave., Long Beach 8, Calif.
410	Yribarne, John C.	117 E. Sunset So., Redlands, Calif.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. McARTHUR,
Secretary.